

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the heading beginning at Page 1, Line 1 which reads as follows:

System for Answering Natural Language Questions

with:

SYSTEM FOR ANSWERING NATURAL LANGUAGE QUESTIONS

Please insert the following new heading prior to the paragraph beginning at Page 1, Line 2:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.

Please insert the following new heading prior to the paragraph beginning at Page 1, Line 4:

**INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A
COMPACT DISC.**

Please replace the section heading beginning at Page 1, Line 9 which reads as follows:

Field of the Invention

with:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION.

Please insert the following new heading on a new line following Page 1, Line 8:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

Please replace the section heading beginning at Page 1, Line 15 which reads as follows:

Background of the Invention

with:

Description of Related Art.

Please replace the section heading beginning at Page 3, Line 1 which reads as follows:

Summary of the Invention

with:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

Please replace the section heading beginning at Page 4, Line 1 which reads as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

with:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the section heading beginning at Page 4, Line 9 which reads as follows:

Detailed Description

with:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 5, Line 7 which reads as follows:

Question Answering by Transforming Questions into Partially Unspecified Queries

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 7, Line 24 which reads as follows:

Using Syntactic Frames to Identify Question Patterns within Linguistically Analyzed

Questions

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 16, Line 10 which reads as follows:

Transformation of Statement Patterns into Partially Unspecified Queries

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 18, Line 15 which reads as follows:

Identifying Matches for Partially Unspecified Queries and Providing Answers

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 21, Line 6 which reads as follows:

Question Answering with Extended Matching Techniques

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 23, Line 26 which reads as follows:

Use of Thesaurus

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 26, Line 8 which reads as follows:

Yes/No Questions

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 28, Line 9 which reads as follows:

Additional Search and Matching Technique

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 29, Line 20 which reads as follows:

Working Model of the Invention

Please delete the paragraph beginning at Page 71, Line 21, which reads as follows:

What is claimed is:

Please insert the following as a new paragraph prior to the text beginning at Page 72,

Line 1:

CLAIMS

Please delete the heading beginning at Page 79, Line 1 which reads as follows:

Abstract

Please insert the following as a new heading beginning at Page 79, Line 1:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE